

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 13 (SB 139)

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Prior law (R.S. 13:5112) provided that in any suit against the state or any department, board, commission, agency, or political subdivision in which a judgment is rendered, the court may award the successful party court costs and interest.

Prior law (R.S. 13:5112(C)) provided that legal interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death accrues at 6% per annum from the date service is requested following judicial demand until the signing of the judgment pursuant to prior law (C.C.P. Art. 1911). Further provided that legal interest accruing subsequent to the signing of the judgment will be at the rate fixed by prior law. (R.S. 9:3500).

New law provides that legal interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death accrues at the lesser of 6% per annum or the rate of judicial interest in accordance with prior law. (R.S. 13:4202).

New law provides that legal interest accrues from the date service is requested following judicial demand until the signing of the judgment pursuant to prior law (C.C.P. Art. 1911).

Existing law retains the requirement that legal interest accruing subsequent to the signing of the judgment will be at the rate fixed by existing law. (R.S. 9:3500).

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:5112(C))